Evasion of Central excise duties by M/s. Kelvinator India Limited

2490. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kelvinator India Limited has evaded central excise duty of more than Rs. 10 crores; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and what action has been taken against the company for the recovery of the above duty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) A Show cause notice alleging evasion of Central Excise duty to the tune of Rs. 10.79 crores by M/s Kelvinator of India Limited, Faridabad, has been issued on 13-7-88 by the Collector of Central Excise, Delhi.

(b) The alleged evasion is on account of non-inclusion of warranty charges in the assessable value of goods. The Show Cause Notice is pending adjudication before the Collector of Central Excise, Delhi. The question of recovery of any amount would arise only after the adjudication of the case.

Guest House of National Handloom Corporation

2491. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Handloom Corporation has rented a guest house in Lucknow;

(b) if so, who is the owner of the buildings and what is the rent: and

(c) whether it is a fact that the owner of the guest house is an officer of the Textile department or he is related to an official in Textile department?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The name of the owner is Smt. Asha Sharma and the present rent is Rs. 3360/- per month.

(c) Yes, Sir

Lock-outs in NTC Mills

2492. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of NTC mills are under lock-outs; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) and (b) Raebareli Textile Mills, Raebareli, a unit under NTC (UP) is under lock-out since 5th May, 1987. Operations in MSK Mills, Gulbarga, a unit under NTC (APKK&M) are under suspension since 1st June, 1988 as a result of dis-connection of electricity by the Karnataka Electricity Board.

New pay scales for employees of Chandigarh

2493. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the new pay scales announced for the employees of Union Territory, Chandigarh:

(b) whether it is a fact that a number of representations have been made against these scales; and

(c) what action has been taken or is being taken to remove the anomalies therein or to meet the demand of granting scales applicable to other Union Territories?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c) The Government of India have extended the revised pay scales based on 4th Pay

Commission's recommendations as applicable to Central Government/other Union Territories to the Chandigarh Administration employees. Since the pay scales of Chandigarh Administration employees were substantially at variance with the pay structure including nomenclature of posts of other Union Territories/Central Government, it was not possible to achieve complete uniformity in the revised pay scales.

A few representations have been received in this regard. On the direction of the Government of India, the Chandigarh Administration has already constituted an Anomalies Committee to consider the representations for removal of the anomalies.

Export of flowers, fruits, vegetables and processed food

2494. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Punjab Government has submitted a proposal to the Central Government regarding the export of flowers, fruits, vegetables and processed food;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise

Insertion of soiled currency notes into packets

2495. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government/R.B.I. have issued instructions to the various banks not to insert soiled currency notes in the bundles of 100 used currency notes of various denominations stappled/sewn by them;

(b) whether Government are aware that different banks refuse to accept such bundles containing defective notes prepared and sealed by other banks; and

(c) what are the reasons for the banks not accepting soiled notes from the public?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and to the extent available will be laid on the Table of the House.

विभिन्न राज्यों में दहेज के कारण हुई मौतें

2496. **श्री शरद यादव :** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 1984 से लेकर अब तक दहेज प्रथा के कारण देश में प्रति वर्ष राज्य-वार कितनी महिलाओं को जलाया गया है ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि दहेज से संबंधित विधान बनाये जाने के बावजूद दहेज के कारण होने वाली मौतों की संख्या में वृद्धि हुई है ; और

(ग) सरकार दहेज के कारण होने वाली घटनाओं को रोकने के लिये क्या कदम उठा रही है ?

कार्मिक लोक शिकायत और पेंशन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० चिदम्बरम) : (क) और (ख) वर्ष 1984 से 1988 तक की अवधि के दौरान सूचित किए गए "दहेज मृत्यु" के मामलों की राज्य-वार संख्या विवरण (i और ii) में दी गयी है।

(ग) कानून को अधिक सख्त बनाने के लिए दहेज निषेध अधिनियम, 1961 को 1984 और 1986 में संशोधित किया गया। भारतीय दण्ड संहिता, दण्ड प्रक्रिया संहिता, 1973 और भारतीय साक्ष्य अधिनियम, 1872 को भी संशोधित किया गया ताकि न केवल दहेज मृत्यु के मामलों के साथ प्रभावकारी ढंग से निपटा जा सके अपितु विवाहित महिलाओं के प्रति निर्दयता के मामलों से भी प्रभावकारी ढंग से निपटा जा सके।